DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO:

COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER COMMISSIONER REDFORD

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FROM:

GRACE SEAMAN

DATE:

JUNE 22, 2011

RE:

QWEST CORPORATION'S APPLICATIONS TO AMEND

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS WITH MCIMETRO ACCESS; TETON COMMUNICATIONS, INC, INTEGRA TELECOM OF IDAHO, INC, TW TELECOM OF IDAHO LLC, AND ESCHELON TELECOM,

INC; CASE NOS. QWE-T-02-22, QWE-T-05-16, USW-T-00-05,

QWE-T-04-20, AND QWE-T-00-13.

BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, interconnection agreements must be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1). The Commission may reject an agreement adopted by negotiations only if it finds that the agreement: (1) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or (2) implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A).

CURRENT APPLICATIONS

On May 24, 2011, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) submitted five Applications seeking Commission approval to amend interconnection agreements. These Applications are discussed in greater detail below.

1. Qwest and MCIMetro Access Transmission Services LLC, Case No. QWE-T-02-22. In this filing, the parties request Commission approval to amend an agreement approved by the Commission on September 3, 2004. This filing amends the Qwest Local Services Platform agreement's terms and conditions and port rates.

- 2. <u>Qwest and Teton Communications, Inc., Case No. QWE-T-05-16</u>. In this case, the parties request Commission approval to amend an agreement approved by the Commission on August 29, 2005. This filing amends the Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connections Service agreement and adds terms and conditions and rates for 800 Pageline.
- 3. <u>Qwest and Integra Telecom of Idaho, Inc., Case No. USW-T-00-05.</u> In this filing, the parties request Commission approval to amend an agreement approved by the Commission on April 26, 2000. This filing amends the Qwest Local Services Platform agreement's terms and conditions and port rates.
- 4. Qwest and TW Telecom of Idaho, LLC fka Time Warner Telecom of Idaho, LLC, Case No. QWE-T-04-20. In this case, the parties request Commission approval to amend an agreement approved by the Commission on August 2, 2004. This filing adds terms and conditions relating to xDSL Capable Loops.
- 5. <u>Qwest and Eschelon Telecom</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, <u>Case No. QWE-T-00-13</u>. In this filing, the parties request Commission approval to amend an agreement approved by the Commission on June 10, 2002. This filing amends the Qwest Local Services Platform agreement's terms and conditions and port rates.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Applications and does not find that any terms or conditions are discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes the Applications are consistent with the FCC orders and pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act. Accordingly, Staff recommends Commission approval of the Applications to amend the Interconnection Agreements.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve these Applications?

Grace Seaman

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